

REMARKS

Initially, applicant would like to express his appreciation to the Examiner for discussing the present application with applicant's representative on April 3 and 4, 2006. During the discussion, applicant's representative explained operation of the system and proposed claim amendments. The Examiner agreed that the proposed claim amendments would help distinguish the applied art. In accordance with the interview, the present Reply is being submitted.

With the present amendment, claims 1 and 21 will have been amended without adding any new matter. Claims 18 – 20 will have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter.

Claims 1 and 21 recite generating computer graphics. Telestration is an example of a generated computer graphic. It is submitted that such a feature is distinguishable from merely rearranging preset graphics, as taught by FLAMINI et al. The other applied references do not supply the deficiency. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1 and 21.

Claims 1 and 21 also recite direct control over video playback devices. Such a feature is believed to be patentably distinguishable from indirectly controlling input devices via the graphics software, as taught by FLAMINI et al. The other applied references do not supply the deficiency. Thus, for at least this additional reason, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1 and 21.

For all of these reasons, it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1 and 21 and provide an indication of their allowability.

Dependent claims 2 – 17 and 22 are also believed to recite further patentable subject matter of the invention and therefore are also believed allowable over the prior art. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all of the claims in the present application.

The above amendments have been presented merely for the purpose of clarification, and not to overcome the applied prior art. Accordingly, no estoppel is deemed to result from any of the present amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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